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Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

My name is rJo Winch and I am a resident of Hartford. As a child care provider where 100% of my children's parents are supported by Care4Kids, I can only imagine that these children would not be in a childcare setting if not for the support of care4kids. As child care providers we want to continue to help decrease the educational gap. In order to do this we must have Care4Kids funding for parents so that they can continue to go to work while their children start a structured educational program as early as possible.

Please continue to fund Care4Kids so that every parent who needs child care can afford it.

Thank you for your support

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